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FM AMEMBASSY TOKYO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7637

INFO AMEMBASSY BONN

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD, JA

SUBJECT: RECENT JAPANESE PRESS REPORTS ON SPECIALTY STEEL

ESCAPE CLAUSE CASE

REF. A) STATE 56459 B) TOKYO 3393

1. MARCH 10: "ASAHI" AND "NIKKAN KOGYO" RAN FRONT PAGE  
ARTICLES REPORTING SUBSTANCE OF GOJ AIDE-MEMOIRELAND REPRESENTATIONS  
IN WASHINGTON (REF. A) AND QUOTING MITI AS SAYING IT WAS  
CONSIDERING RETALIATORY RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTS OF ALUMINUM FROM  
THE U.S. SHOULD THE USG IMPOSE IMPORT RESTRICTIONS ON JAPANESE  
ASPECIALITY STEELS. (MITI CONFIRMED THIS AS REPORTED REF. B)  
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"ASAHI" ADDED THAT MITI IS OF THE OPINION THAT IF THE GOJ

ACCEPTS US RESRICTIONS EASILY IN THIS FIRST CASE UNDER THE NEW  
U.S. TRADE ACT, THE PRESSURES MAY SPREAD TO OTHER PRODUCTS AND  
U.S. ACTION ENCOURAGE OTHER COUNTRIES TO RESORT TO  
SIMILAR MEASURES. "ASAHI" COMMENTED THAT IF BOTH COUNTRIES GO  
THROUGH WITH THE CONTEMPLATED RESTRICTIONS, THE CASE  
COULD DEVELOP INTO THE BIGGEST U.S.-JAPAN TRADE CONFLICT  
SINCE THE TEXTILE ISSUE OF THE EARLY 1970'S."

2. MAR. 11: "ASAHI," "SANKEI" AND "YOMIURI" GAVE  
BRIEF PAGE 8 OR 9 COVERAGE TO MAR. 9 MEETING BETWEE  
AMBASSADORS DENT AND TOGO. "YOMIURI," WHICH DESCRIBED  
SPECIALITY STEEL SITUATION AS A "DUMPING" CASE, SAID USG  
REPS. INDICATED AT MEETING THAT PRESIDENTIAL DECISION  
WILL BE DISCLOSED NEXT WEEK.  
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